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Severe Weather Causes Camping Closures

But State Parks Hopes to Reopen with a Break in the Weather

Severe weather conditions moving through Central and Southern California have forced the closure of camping at popular locations along the Southern San Luis Obispo County coastline. However, it is hoped that this weather will pass through by Wednesday night, allowing for a reopening in time for the popular Christmas holiday weekend.

Camping at Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area, and both Pismo State Beach, North Beach Campground, and the Oceano Campground, has been closed due to hazardous weather conditions until further notice. This action is necessary because of the heavy rains Sunday and Monday, which has caused flooding and access problems at these sites, and the prediction of more heavy rains coming Tuesday night and early Wednesday that will add to the existing flooding problems.

Be advised that State Parks is working to resolve the problems caused by the flooding and is hoping the break in the weather predicted for late Wednesday will allow the campgrounds to be re-opened in time for the highly popular Christmas weekend.

To get the latest information, campers are urged to stay tuned to weather conditions and call ahead to the Oceano Dunes District Ranger Station at the above number for current information on closures.

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